

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Main website: [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov)



In the matter of:	)	
	)	
Implementation of Renewables	)	Docket No. 03-RPS-1078
Portfolio Standard Legislation	)	
	)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
and	)	
	)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
Implementation of Renewables	)	RE: <b>Guideline Revisions for</b>
Investment Plan Legislation	)	<b>RPS Implementation and</b>
	)	<b>Renewable Energy Program</b>

---

## **Notice of Staff Workshop on Proposed Changes to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and the *Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program***

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit public comments on proposed changes to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Guidebook)* and the *Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program (Overall Guidebook)*.

**August 30, 2010**

Beginning at 10 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

### **Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents**

**Internet Webcast** - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via The Energy Commission's WebEx web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Remote Attendance" section toward the end of this notice. Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html>

## Purpose

The purpose of the staff workshop is to solicit comments from interested parties on the proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* and the *Overall Guidebook*.

The *RPS Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying renewable resources as eligible for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies compliance with the RPS. The *Overall Guidebook* describes specific aspects of how the Renewable Energy Program is administered. Proposed changes to the *Overall Guidebook* revise and update various definitions applicable to the RPS. Summaries of proposed changes to these guidebooks are provided in Attachment A to this notice.

In addition to comments on the proposed changes to the guidebooks, staff is seeking public input on additional issues under consideration for inclusion in the *RPS Guidebook*. To frame and guide public input on these issues, staff requests parties to respond to specific questions, which are provided in Attachment B to this notice, regarding the following topics:

- Allowing Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) Certificates for retroactive renewable energy credits (RECs) to be counted toward the RPS;
- Clarifying the determination of the de minimus amount of nonrenewable fuel input that can be counted as “renewable” generation for purposes of the RPS from multi-fuel facilities;
- Clarifying the RPS eligibility requirements for biogas; and
- Clarifying whether pre-processed municipal solid waste is considered RPS-eligible biomass feedstock.

The joint staff of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Energy Commission are planning to conduct a separate workshop in the fall of 2010 to solicit public input on modifying the RPS delivery requirements in the *RPS Guidebook*. Specifically, the staff will seek input in that workshop on a variety of options for modifying the Energy Commission's requirements for energy delivery from RPS-eligible out-of-state facilities, and how the requirements would work under tradable renewable energy credit regimes, if approved for the RPS by the CPUC or the Legislature. In addition, participants will discuss how to coordinate implementation of the RPS and CARB's Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) given different delivery options.<sup>1</sup> Because the comments received as a result of that workshop will help inform the Energy Commission staff's proposed changes to the delivery requirements in the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook*, the August 30, staff workshop on proposed changes to the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* will not address delivery requirements.

---

<sup>1</sup> The CARB is developing regulations for the RES pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order S-21-09.

Energy Commission commissioners may attend the staff workshop. The draft guidebooks, with staff's proposed changes shown in underline/strikeout format, will be available by 5 pm on Friday, August 20, 2010 on the Energy Commission's Web site at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html>

## Background

Renewable Energy Program guidebooks are revised periodically to reflect statutory, market, and regulatory developments and to respond to lessons learned through implementing the program. The staff intends to fully consider all public comments on the draft *RPS Guidebook* and the *Overall Program Guidebook*, make any needed revisions, and then propose that the Energy Commission adopt these guidebooks with any revisions at a regularly scheduled business meeting. Public Resources Code Section 25747 authorizes the Energy Commission to approve substantive changes to the guidebooks upon providing 10 days public notice. Changes take effect once approved at a publicly noticed meeting.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2010. Please include the docket numbers 02-REN-1038 and 03-RPS-1078 and indicate *RPS Proceeding* in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
**Re: Docket No. 03-RPS-1078**  
**and**  
**Docket No. 02-REN-1038**  
RPS Proceeding  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's name in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies of their comments at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

## Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [ [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us) ] If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [ [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us) ].

If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Kate Zocchetti, RPS Unit Supervisor, at (916) 653-4710 or [ [kzocchet@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kzocchet@energy.state.ca.us) ].

## Remote Attendance

You can participate in this meeting through WebEx, the Energy Commission's online meeting service. Presentations will appear on your computer screen, and you listen to the audio via your telephone. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

### Computer Log-on with Telephone Audio:

1. Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the unique meeting number: 926 387 128
2. When prompted, enter your name and other information as directed and the meeting password: rps@2010
3. After you log-in, a prompt will ask for your phone number. If you wish to have WebEx call you back, enter your phone number. This will add your name on the WebEx log so that we know who is connected and have a record of you participating by WebEx.

If you do not wish to do that, click cancel, and go to step 4. Or, if your company uses an older switchboard-type phone system where your line is an extension, click cancel and go to step 4.

4. If you didn't want WebEx to call you back, then call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number, which is listed in the top left area of your screen after you login via computer. International callers can dial in using the "Show all global call-in numbers" link (also in the top left area).

**Telephone Only (No Computer Access):**

1. Call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) and when prompted enter the unique meeting number above. International callers can select their number from <https://energy.webex.com/energy/globalcallin.php>

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239.

The service list for revisions to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and *Overall Program Guidebook* is handled electronically. Parties interested in receiving these notices may sign up for the “renewable” list server through the website [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html). Scroll down the Renewable Energy Lists and select the “renewable” list to receive electronic information via your e-mail address.

Date: August 16, 2010

Electronic Mail List: renewable  
Mail Lists: 5507 RPS